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GRAB IT FAST - Aubrey Aasen makes a quick grab for everything within reach as she and her family tour the annual Didsbury Trade Expo this past weekend. With more than 100 businesses showexpo there was more than enough at hand to captivate people of every age. For more on the trade expo see pg7.

Residents ask town to flush sewer policy

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Angry Didsbury residents are up in arms against a new policy that will give responsibility for residential sewer pipes over entirely to landowners.

The Residential Sanitary Sewer Service policy proposed last Tuesday puts the onus on homeowners to investigate and repair pipeline leading from the house to the main, which is usually at the centre of the road. Under the new rules, homeowners would also have to

hire a plumbing contractor, acquire permits and place temporary street pavement patches on roadways.

It makes sense to councillor Bob Davidson.
"The town never really defined responsibility and ownership of the residential line ... and it desperately needed to," he said.
"The responsibility shouldn't stop at the property line

ecause the pipe goes farther than that." He said the policy would cut down on costs for the town

and help avoid problems of access. Employees had to pre-

viously gain entry to the line through private homes. The policy was expected to pass last Tuesday, but four residents, demanding public input, stalled a decision until June 8. The town will be sending out notices in utility bills and posting bulletins in the newspaper to explain the policy and encourage feedback.

This is exactly what we were hoping for... our feeling (before) was that the town was pulling a fast one on us They hadn't said anything about this policy until now,

said Donnally McNeil, resident.

McNeil heard about the policy a week before council met, when her sewer backed up and she went to public works for help.

"(The manager of public works) told me it was a good thing this happened now instead of next week because next week I'd be responsible for the total cost," she said. He gave her a copy of the proposed policy and McNeil was appalled. Her residential pipeline caved in just off the

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DONNALLY MCNEIL

curb and under the policy she'd be required to foot the bill

about \$7,000.
"If there is a big rubber ball and a broken toothbrush plugging up my line, yeah, it makes sense for me to take responsibility for that and fix it," she said.

"But I shouldn't have to pay if my line caved in because of poor infrastructure and neither should any-one else. I feel like the town is trying to pass the buck on this one.



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Smith woos disgruntled voters

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

It was a chance to finally be heard for residents concerned with this province's state of affairs and Wildrose Alliance Party leader, Danielle Smith was only too pleased to listen.

"This is the way our party operates ... we believe we need to go out and talk to people and hear what issues are of concern to them," she said, during her stop in

Didsbury.

Smith has spent the last six months travelling across Alberta, bringing her party's message to communities and listening to potential voters. This past week, she made her rounds through Central Alberta, including Didsbury during the Trade Expo, last weekend.

David and Ann Smith went to the expo to me leader, who has been providing the Tories with tough competition in public opinion polls.

In a poll conducted March 1 - 9, the Tories remained exactly where they were last October at 34 per cent support among decided voters. The party dropped 21 per cent between October 2008 and October 2009. The Wildrose Alliance sat at 30 per cent, up two percentage points from last October. The new party, which started two years ago, sat at just four per cent support in October 2008.

'It sometimes feels like politicians are only interested in urban populations, not rural, so we thought it'd be a good idea to meet her and see what she offers," Ann Smith said.

"And we are really concerned about a few of the bills, like the land use framework, that could be taking away our property rights and we wanted to let her know. These bills are really scary," added her husband.

Judy Chutskoff of Didsbury also turned out to meet Smith. She is a staunch Conservative but hasn't been impressed lately with government decisions and could switch parties.

Tm concerned about health care, wait lists and cuts and feel very strongly about the need for change," she said.

Danielle Smith said the concerns of people in this region seem to be similar. There's apprehension about bills aimed at rural Alberta, including the Electric Statutes Act, the Land Assemblies Act and the Land Stewardship Act. "It's the biggest land grab in the history of the province" and a central planner's dream, she said. Voters also have a lot to say about health care. There



Wildrose Alliance leader Danielle Smith meets potential voters at Mugs, Saturday.

has been a lot happening with health care in the last two years, including the formation of a health super board, ervice cuts and helipad closures

Smith suggests dismantling Alberta Health Service's superboard which doesn't seem to have interest in small communities

When you hire a central power and surround it with smart guys in Edmonton, they come up with solutions that can involve hours and hours of travel to a larger city for care," she said.

We believe health care should be delivered in communities ... and run by people who live and work in those communities because if services leave, those

places become less attractive for people to move to and raise their families.

The Wildrose Alliance is also a big supporter of activity-based funding, which is being piloted by the Conservatives this year. It could be a solution for keeping services local and reducing wait lists in the province, if done right, they

Dollars would follow the patients, so hospital administrators are encouraged to maintain services that would attract more customers.

Overall I think people are ready for change. We have a tired, exhausted Tory dynasty and they are looking for a new and better alternative."

College tuition adjustment rejected

While six programs at Alberta's two largest post-sec-ondary institutions were granted tuition fee adjustments, an adjustment proposal by Olds College was rejected by the provincial government's Advanced Education and

The college sought to have the tuition fees for the heavy equipment operator course they offer on campus raised from its current \$4,500 to a level where they could recoup more of the program's actual \$9,500 cost.

According to Robert Wilson, OC vice president, aca-demic and research, the college had to seek the tuition fee adjustment for the program if they wanted to offer it as a

Now the program will most likely be offered as a noncredit program on campus allowing the college to set whatever fee they deem appropriate. The program is also offered off campus in various locations across Alberta in consort with the heavy equipment industry, which allows the college the opportunity to provide the program at a lower cost.

Since tuition fees were capped by the province in 2004, colleges and universities in Alberta haven't been able to adjust what they charge for programs. The provincial ministry granted a one-time opportunity to institutions to submit proposals to deal with market anomalies

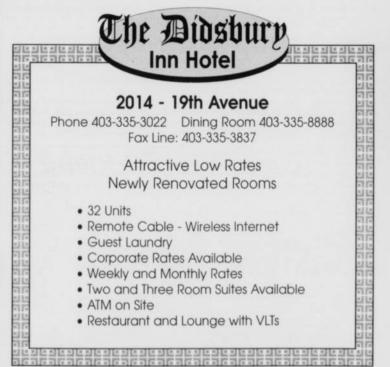
Tuition fee adjustments will come into effect in fall 2011. A total of 24 proposals from five post-secondary institutions were received and evaluated y the province.

The province's tuition fee policy will limit future increases to the consumer price index, meaning this year's maximum average tuition increase is 1.5 per cent.

Olds College administration has long lauded the reasonable tuition fees they charge for programs thanks to a strong scholarships and bursaries program through endowments.

- For the Review

Auction Sale Didsbury Lion's Annual Fundraiser Saturday, April 17 Viewing at 11:00 am Sale begins at 12:00 Noon at the Didsbury Complex We will have items donated by local merchants as well as gift certificates and gift baskets. If you would like to donate a new or gently used item to help support the Lions' Club and the Didsbury Lions' Shuttle Bus, call Ray at 403-335-3798 [or Vair at 403-335-9253 for pick-up Lunch will be available! PILGRIM



Community news

Board holds back dollars

Community Services looks to help fledgling groups

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The Community Services Board is holding dollars back for the time, in hopes of helping fledgling groups.

Over \$25,000 was doled out to four service groups last week, leaving the board with \$5,745 in Family Community Support Service funds to distribute to other non-profits.

Nicole Aasen, manager of commu-nity services, said in pervious years, new organizations that missed the December application deadline had to wait a full year to get FCSS funding. That may no longer be the case.

But organizations looking for help must apply in the next five months. If the Community Services Board has n't divvied up the remaining dollars before September, it'll call on groups who previously requested funds to reapply. Family and Community Support Services stipulate funding has to be spent by December 31.

Every organization but one that

applied for funding last December was approved dollars last week Chinook's Edge School Division received their full amount at \$13,638. the Child and Youth Clubs of Didsbury and Healthy Families received about 3,000 less than they asked for

Healthy Families received \$4,946 because the not-for-profit had sur-plus left over from last year and the Child and Youth Clubs of Didsbury had its request trimmed to \$3,200 from \$5,720 after the board turned down funding for a four-part speaker series and several dances

The board said it hopes to partner with the organization for the series

Council, who signs off on the Community Services Board's recom mendations for funding, officially turned down the Didsbury Preschool and cut the Senior Support Services request by \$5,000.

The Community Services Board recommended senior support get \$4,000 of its \$9,000 request to fund a

mobile library and volunteer training and travel. But \$5,000 worth of fit equipment was turned down use its being beyond the realm what the board can fund, Aasen

"We don't cover recreation at all they will have to get that from another provincial department.

Lois Wright, freasurer for Didsbury's Senior Support Services, hasn't yet received an official letter from the board detailing why they didn't get the full \$9,000, but said losing out on the funding wouldn't be a

"I think we can work around it . we may have to suspend whatever project they aren't funding but we won't know for sure until we receive a letter from them," she said.

The Community Service Board, hich turned down Inspiring Inspiring Change, Peer Supports for Abused Women for over \$13,000 in March, hasn't yet made a decision on whether to accept the group's

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New kennel for impounded dogs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Canines caught by animal control will be kennelled in Didsbury, beginning this month.

Alberta Animals Services, which originally held the contract for impounding Didsbury's dogs and cats, used to bring pets to a kennel in

But the group terminated its contract with the town in March, citing a different philosophy in animal control than that of the town.

Although the group didn't expand further when contacted, a report from the town's chief administrative officer said, "in essence Alberta Animal Services have not been happy that Derek Sutherland and Luana

Smith have control over the work of Alberta Animal Services and some times the town feels that education is more important than fining individu-

Derek Sutherland, peace officer will be taking over animal control for the interim and a private kennel, Canine Country Club, will be taking in the dogs. Cats won't be impound

"Currently (the kennel) isn't able to help us out with cats but I don't see that as a problem. Generally we don't get cats until people start trapping in

May," Sutherland said.
"And things could change before then, when Roy (Brown, chief administrative officer) and Luana (Smith, legislative services) get back from Japan, April 19."

In the meantime, dog owners who have their pet impounded will have to call the town and pay their kennel bill before picking up their dog at the local kennel. The fee will be about \$30 a day. The number is higher than it'd normally cost to house a dog at the kennel to pay for administrative work, Sutherland said.

People can report a stray dog through the usual action reque and a public works pager, after hours. The number is (403) -507-3624.

"I am pleased to see this somewhat of a Cadillac program is over ... it's a good solution to have the town take care of it rather than contract it out and it will be easier for people to pick up their dogs," said Bob Davidson, at a council meeting last

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H1N1 third wave still likely

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Review Staff

Alberta is well into its usual flu sea son and while H1N1 seems to be kept at bay this year, health officials are still bracing for a possible third

"It hasn't happened yet but I don't know anyone who will say it won't," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, deputy medical officer of health for the Calgary region.

The pandemic flu virus, which started in April 2009 and swept across the globe in a matter of peaked last November but tapered off before the new year

Alberta has had just a trickle of confirmed H1N1 cases since then. including two recently, MacDonald

two cases, confirmed last week, were linked to international travel. MacDonald said there are pockets of influenza activity in the world that although low now, could ad to another spread. Those travelling are encouraged to get the vaccine, she added.

Alberta Health Services stopped its provincewide vaccination program last Month, except for travel reason Since the pandemic flu arrived in

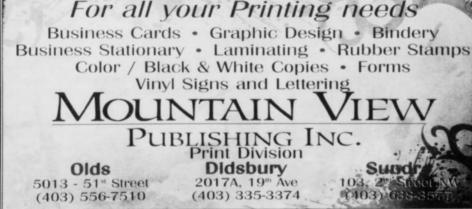
Canada a year ago, there have been 71 deaths in Alberta, according to the

Public Health Agency of Canada. That's about 19.1 deaths per million people, a higher number than the

national average. In all of Canada there were 429 deaths - about 12.6 per million peo-

As the province wrapped up its immunization program in March, numbers also showed a lower proompared to Canada as a whole





Opinion

Editorial Pardon system must be changed

DAN SINGLETON

The granting of a pardon to convicted hockey coach sex offender Graham James has raised the ire of Canadians from coast to coast, including right here in West Central Alberta.

At the same time it has also raised a number of troubling questions about exactly how much protection Canadian children have when it comes to pedophiles released from jail and allowed to slink back unseen into the shadows.

And most troubling of all, perhaps, is the fact the James' case may be sending a very dangerous message to victims that coming forward with allegations of sexual assaults and other offences may not be worth the trouble.

James was granted the pardon by the National Parole Board in 2007, a decade after being convicted of sexually molesting some of his teenage players.

Because of the pardon James' past criminal convictions are now hidden away behind a wall of government bureaucracy.

Echoing the thoughts of many Canadians, high-profile former Calgary Flame Theoren Fleury, who says James sexually assaulted him, called the pardon an outrage.

"It took me 25 years to come to grips with what happened to me but it's very clear that the system is flawed and the system needs to be changed," Fleury reportedly said. "We pride ourselves on being one of the safest countries in the world and that we do take care of our children. A decision like that just kind of throws that all out."

Under current laws, almost any criminal can apply for a pardon, either three or five years after completing his or her sentence, depending on the severity of the crime.

Responding to the James pardon, Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said the Harper government plans to examine ways to put an end to what he calls "rubber stamped" pardons.

"I think there needs to be a little more direction given to the (National Parole) Board in terms of what they can consider overall, and that these things should not just be rubberstamped," Toews said.

Instead of "providing a little more direction" to anyone, the Harper government should instead act immediately to put an end to the granting of pardons to sex offenders whose victims are children

The government should also act quickly to make public the names of other convicted pedophiles who have already been granted pardons.

Until that is done, no community can feel truly safe knowing that convicted sex offenders may be lurking in minor hockey team dressing rooms and other such places.

And another question comes to mind: Why in the world hasn't the Harper government acted on this deplorable situation long, long ago?



Letters to the editor Preschools shouldn't be compared

In response to article: "Didsbury Preschool sees red over funding loss

It is interesting that FCSS is running with a higher budget this year than last, in upwards of \$151,609. If you take out the \$70,000 that those 10 non-profit groups have applied for and subtract the funding that was denied (\$13,000 for Inspiring Women and \$4,000 Didsbury Preschool society), then is FCSS saying they require \$64,609 to maintain its own operational requirements?

I am also wondering which town Brian Wittal is the mayor for? It surely cannot be Didsbury or he would know that you can't compare the two local preschools. While both schools provide wonderful caring teachers in positive learning environments, they operate under completely different protocols, that being profit and non-profit. The non-profit Didsbury Preschool does not have the ability to partially write off utilities, telephone and such, nor can it totally write off toys, learning materials and supplies like markers, crayons, paint and anything else to do with programming. The Didsbury Preschool would therefore require some funding in order to remain competitive, in cost and programming ability, with the other school. While senior park equip-

ment, swimming pools, before and after school care and other local programs are a draw to our town so is the fact that we have two great preschools. Perhaps instead of some of the FCSS funding applicants receiving everything they asked for, all of them could get some funding (share the wealth?).

The FCSS page on the Didsbury website was updated a month after funding cuts were announced and yet they continue to promote themselves as helping the Didsbury Preschool Society. For a small \$4,000 donation I bet the Didsbury Preschool would let FCSS keep that on their website.

Llonda Leaver Didsbury

New sewer policy is no good

Get your pen and paper ready and write to town council about your concerns on this proposed policy. Policy 4004 states that even when the sewer backs up and it's on town property it will be YOUR cost and your responsibility to fix it. This includes paving costs, and sidewalk costs should that area need to be dug up and we know lately there is alot of the town's sewer infrastructure that has been dug up. So say no to this policy when you receive the questionnaire in the mail. A few

of us went to the last council meeting (April 6th) and had it tabled. We would not have known about this policy had it not been for a resident's sewer backing up and the manager of Public Works notifying her that "come next week this would have been your cost - not ours"

Very few people even knew about this proposal, so please folks, send your concerns in to the town or we will all be subject to huge sewer repair costs that are not ours. How on earth can we, the residents on fixed income, the low income and seniors afford to pay for the town's infrastructure of maintenance of THEIR sewer system. How do they justify this proposal when we are paying our taxes and infrastructure costs on our bills?

I urge everyone to contact council, the mayor and say no to this ridiculous proposal!

Laverne Guertin

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm April 23, 2010

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Alana Gibson, Development Officer



April 27, 2010.

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	S	1.80	S	2.10	\$	1.62	S	1.90
Summer Wastewater Rates	S	0.78	S	0.91	S	0.70	S	0.83
Winter Wastewater Rates	S	1.02	S	1.19	S	0.92	8	1.07

This represents a 10% increase for charges based on volume of consumption.

Council and staff continue to work hard to ensure that all increases are kept to a minimum and that all other options to reduce costs and build maintenance reserves have been utilized. If you require any further information, please contact James Reichenbacher, CFO at (403) 335-3391.

Public Notice

Please be advised that effective immediately, Alberta Animal Services is no longer contracted by the Town of Didsbury to provide animal control or any other bylaw services. If you have any animal related concerns, please continue to submit them to our Action Request Line at 403.335.2030. If you have an afterhours animal emergency that requires the attention of a Bylaw Officer, please contact the Town's afterhours pager number at 403.507.3624 and someone will get back to you. During this transition there will be no interruption of service to our residents.



DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

- WEE SIGN BABY SIGN LANGUAGE We teach you, you teach your child. Enhance their early language skills, increase their IQ. 6 lessons included in this one session, Friday, April 16, 2010, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm at DNP. Cost is \$35.00. Bring baby to class or take your new skills home to teach.
- COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Curling Rink 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Call DNP to book your table r
- SPORTS FOR SHORTS Looking for an exciting program for preschoolers? Sports For Shorts explores sports like soccer, basketball and other fun indoor activities - all geared towards 3-5 year olds. This 6-week program will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room Mond nights 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm from April 19 - May 31, 2010 (no class May 24). Cost is \$35.00
- BUSY BUDDIES The Town of Didsbury is offering this popular program introducing games, basic crafts, sing songs and finger plays. Parents must attend class with child. Join us Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am -2:00 pm, April 21-May 26, 2010 at Didsbury Neighborhood Place. For children aged 2 4 years. Cost is \$35 for the 6 weeks.
- TODDLER GYM TIME Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high energy hour in the Multi-Purpose Room. Check out our age appropriate toys and gym equipment. This course is for children under 3 years old. April 15 - May 27, 2010 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am (no class April 22). Cost is \$35 for the 6 session program.

For more information or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719



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- CALGARY ROUGHNECKS LACROSSE CAMP: This two day camp will teach lacrosse players skills from off the pitch to training drills and nutrition tips. Participants will learn valuable lessons and have a fantastic fun time with the Riggers themselves. April 17 - 18, 2010 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Spaces limited to 30 per session. Tyke/Novice/Atom (6-10 yrs old) 9:00 am -12:00 pm (\$60.00)
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Bidding will close April 23, 2010 at 4:30 pm



Looking for information? Call Town of Didsbury Information Line 403-335-2030 or Visit our website at www.didsbury.ca

Seeking support

Family looks to start up group for Huntington's disease

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

A single DNA test could tell Kim Rauhala her genetic destiny, but like most young adults who know Huntington's disease runs in their family she prefers the torture and hope of not

It's bad enough to live with the ques tion of whether she carries the lethal neurological disease in her genes as her aunts and cousins do. She doesn't want to confirm it, she said.

"I have five children and a mother with Huntington's to worry about ... I want to focus on giving them 100 per cent. If I knew for sure that I carry the disease I think it would become the cen-tre of my life," Rauhala said. Her mother, Susan Cameron, was diag-

nosed with the disease 14 years ago at 40 years old when she worked as a waitress in Red Deer. Rauhala watched as her mother slowly lost her dexterity, dropping trays and walking clumsily. Eventually her speech became so slurred people began to think her drunk

Rauhala brought her mother to Didsbury, hoping life would be better close to family as Cameron dealt with losing pieces of herself little by little. But here too, her mother has a hard time fitting in.

When she walks down the street she wobbles a little and teenagers have yelled out their window things about her being drunk ... i her," Rauhala said. it's embarrassing for

"And who wants to hire someone with Huntington's. She's really feels lost."

Don Lamont, CEO of the Huntington's Society of Canada said people with Huntington's disease are often discriminated against. They have difficulty getting insurance or becoming employed because of their health risks.

One in 10,000 people experience symptoms of the illness, which resembles Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, and

three times that number are at risk to develop it. Every child of a person with Huntington's also has a 50 per cent chance of inheriting the disease.

"This is something passed down from generation to generation and usually strikes when the person is in the prime of their life. People lose brain cells, become depressed, lose the ability to talk and at the end of the day waste away to an early death," Lamont

"The hardest part is watching this hap en to someone you love and wondering

if that's about to happen to you too."

Cameron watched her sister live with the disease as well as her brothers, nieces and nephews, who also tested positive. She was always a little sickly and knew on some level that she too car

of the gene, her son was the only one whose results were negative. It's given Cameron hope the illness will stop its spread through the family.

"This sucks. I am sick all the time. My

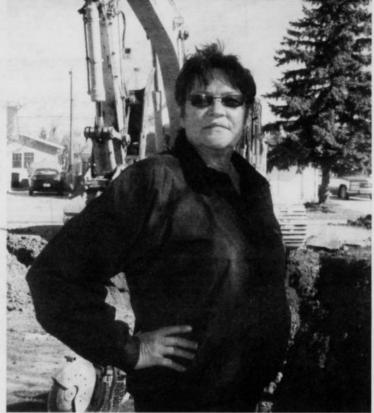
organs are shutting down and my brain is destroying the muscles in my body; all the time they are destroying," Cameron

'I love my grandchildren and I don't want them to go through this," she said. Rauhala is aiming to help her mother -

and herself - deal with the disease by starting up a support group for people whose loved ones have Huntington's or similar neurological illnesses, like Parkinson's

It would allow people to meet for cof-fee or talk online and share similar experiences, provide emotional support and practical advice. Most importantly the group would take away the sense of being alone and possibly generate more awareness in the community about the

disease, Rauhala said.
For more information about the support group, contact Kim Rauhala at (403) 335-9520.



Donnally McNeil is getting her sewer pipe fixed after it caved in. A new town policy would put the entire cost on her bill.

Sewer

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Sisters Lavone Attwood and Laverne Guertin agree They were furious to hear of the policy and attended Tuesday's council meeting hoping the town would reconsider.

"The town has sewer problems, big time, and we can't be expected to pay for it. That's what our taxes are for," Guertin said.

Council recently proposed a 3.5 per cent tax hike this year on top of a 10 per cent increase on water and wastewater bills to repair infrastruc-

The tax increases coupled with potential costs of repairing the line could be a hardship for low-income families and sen-iors, said Attwood.

"I don't think people would be able to afford to go forward in repair.

The trio also questioned council about the legality of the change but according to town officials, although not always standard procedure, council does have the authority to more onus landowners.

"Council can do any-thing it pleases as long as it does not cross human rights ... but we need to explain why we are doing it and the main part is accessibility to the line," Davidson added.

The utility notices are expected to arrive in the mail this May and feedback will be accepted at the town office until June 1.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools **Public Engagement Forum**

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St. Thomas Aguinas School 3821-39 Street, Red Deer

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DSBURY ART, TRAVEL & TRADE EXPO



TRADE SECRETS - Jennifer Jones exclaims as Norm Lessard of Welland, Ont. explains what is so special about the plastic plate holder he received as a free gift at one of the Didsbury Trade Expo booths, Saturday. The secret about the plate holder is it can also hold a can of beer (or pop) while you eat. The Jones Rink: (I-r) Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin were in Didsbury



SMASHING SUCCESS - Bill Anthony of Unique Stained Glass Works looks through one of his design creations while work ing his booth at the Didsbury Trade Expo this past weekend. Anthony titles this work of art Keep it on the Course, of course

Didsbury Trade Expo one of the best

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Review staff

Didsbury's Trade expo drew a crowd of 4,000 and received nothing but praise, marking it as one of the more successful fundraisers in 25 years, an organizer

Crowds had much to entice them to the Memorial Complex, with over 100 businesses on display.

The Jennifer Jones rink - national curling champions were signing autographs for fans, while Wild Rose Alliance leader, Danielle Smith, extolled the need for change to curious residents. People were also treated to CK-fm's Star Search Competition Saturday, face-painting by the Giggle Gang and the Fiddler's

Karen Christensen from Hill Spring, Alta, and her two grandchildren explored the booths on Saturday grabbing a little cotton candy along the way.

"We are really enjoying the show. It's wonderful with all these diverse exhibitors ... there really is something for everyone," she said.

"I've grown up in Didsbury and have seen this trade show from day one and this one was definitely successful."

DEANA CAMPBELL

The two-day annual trade show is the Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser. The final numbers are yet to come in, but Saturday alone pulled in \$8,000.

"I've grown up in Didsbury and have seen this trade show from day one and this one was definitely suc

cessful," said Deana Campbell, trade expo organizer.

It wasn't just the numbers that marked a great show There were slightly less people through the gates than 2009's 4,400 people, but their response was positive. There was no criticism from vendors over the weekend and many pre-booked for the 2011 expo, Campbell said

Olds Dodge Chrysler Jeep was new to the local show and has already signed up for the following year.

"It was the best thing we could have done ly got our name out there and allowed us to just get involved in the community," said Brett Hopfe, public relations for the auto dealership.

Didsbury student wins recording

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

It was a bittersweet moment for Didsbury musician Bobbie Keding when she heard her name announced as the winner of CKFM Star Search competition, last Saturday.

She wanted top spot but she was also cheering for finalist Dani-Lynn Trentham.

"I was so stoked on her ... she's such a good singer and we really bonded during the songwriters' intensive," she

Keding met Trentham at the Star Search finals last month, just days before the duo took part in a songwriters' intensive weekend in Olds. In the span of two days they went from competitors to roommates and friends.

So it was kind of hard to compete against her again," Keding said.

Three judges critiqued the finalists Saturday afternoon Bergen's Greg Chalmers, Dani-Lynn Trentham from Olds and Didsbury's own Bobbie Keding. It was a tough decision that initially landed a tie, said CKFM music

director Cory Noel.

"You could pick any one of those singers. They were all that good and also so different," he said.

But they opted for Keding, giving her a chance to record at Muzik Haus and have her single played on heavy rotation at CKFM.

Keding was checked as the growd clapped and roared.

Keding was shocked as the crowd clapped and roared.
"I was like oh my gosh, I don't know what to do. Do I
go upstage or give a wave ... I opted for the wave."

Keding hopes to put her song, Angel Standing By, on
the radio, but she'll have to talk to her people about that,

"The song is pretty special. I wrote it for my friend who was dating a boy who committed suicide last August. She'd cry and I didn't really know what to say to her so I wrote this song ... to let her know I was there for her, said.

Keding, who graduates from Didsbury High School this year, hopes to pursue a career singing and songwriting.

Curlers get their Jones on

Junior curlers from the region meet national champions

"I was just like wow, I'm

hanging out with a celebrity

... it was a really great

moment.

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

energy

Jennifer Jones, Canada's curling darling, looks up from signing autographs to smile at 20 young faces pressed against the glass at Didsbury's curling lounge.
"Are those the juniors?" she asks curling president,

Amanda Gosselin.

Gosselin nods yes - about 30 junior curlers from Didsbury and surrounding communities were waiting for an inti-mate lunch with the Jennifer Jones rink and all were bristling with excitement and nervous

Madeline Werezak, 14, and Emily Johnson, 15, of Sundre never thought they'd have the chance to meet the famed rink let alone sit down for soup with them, they said.

Only a couple of weeks ago they were watching the team compete at the world championship in Swift Current, to win bronze.

This is definitely a once-in-a lifetime experience very cool. I hope to get to their level one day," Werezak said.

Johnson said the experience really became a reality when Dawn Askin, lead for the rink, leaned over to ask what kind of juice was being served up.
"I was just like wow, I'm hanging out with a celebri-

ty ... it was a really great moment."

The rink visited Didsbury last Saturday, during the 25th annual Trade Expo, after the local curling club

Grasse Lumber owner, Lowell Grasse, who arranged

for the contest entry through his buying group, had the rink sign autographs for most of the afternoon, before they attended a lunch with young curlers and an evening dinner with fans.

The ladies were a big draw at the expo as people lined up to snap pictures with the group and get memorabilia signed - from pictures to brooms and brass

"One little girl took her dad's hat because she want-

ed Jennifer Jones to sign some thing ... but the team had a pic-ture for her so her dad asked for his hat back ... I thought that was pretty funny," Grasse said.

"People really seemed to enjoy having the team out and the rink really seem to enjoy meeting all
EMILY JOHNSON these people and learning a bit about them – especially the juniors," he said.

The team, who has never been to the Didsbury area before, said they really enjoyed the downtown core's historic buildings and meeting the local people. Sitting down with the junior curlers also a treat, added Jennifer Jones

junior curler

"If we can make kids' dreams seem more real or help shape their lives in some way ... that's the best," she

The team got their start as juniors. Jennifer Jones was 11 years old when she started to play, though her love of curling began as an infant. She used to go to daycare at the rink while her mother curled and occa-

daycare at the rink while her mother curred and occasionally escape supervision to watch a match.

"I've just always loved it ... there really is nothing like the smell of the ice ... and being part of a team that helps make your dreams come true, over and over again," Jones told the juniors.



In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Thurs. Apr. 15

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall, Tai Chi Day. Refreshments will be served.

Fri. Apr. 16

Cribbage play wll start at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You are welcome to join in the cards and to enjoy the coffee and goodies served.

Sun. Apr. 18

Today is *free swim day* from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Then at 4 p.m. the Family Potluck Supper will start at Rosebud Hall. Enjoy!

Tues. Apr. 20

All volunteers of the community will be recognized tonight when the Family & Community Support Services throws a party at the Zion Evangelical Church. Entertainment will be provided by the high school band and coffee and dessert will be served.

Seniors – are you longing to do some gardening? The Didsbury Seniors Support Services is hoping to have a *Community Garden* for those seniors who have had to move to a smaller place with no yard but still yearn to have nice fresh carrots or to pick peas. Watch for further details.

Want to perfect your skills in Lacrosse? The Calgary Roughnecks Lacrosse Camp will be held on Apr. 17 & 18 at the complex from ages 6 years and up to 17 years. There is a charge and for soccer – instructors from England will be here to teach from July 5-9.

Thurs. Apr. 22

The Choir Festival is being held in Crossfield at the Baptist Church. If you would like to attend, please let Lois at the seniors office know, (403) 335-4391.

Sat. Apr. 24

The Annual Community Garage Sale is being held on the lower level of the curling rink from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rent a table by phoning Didsbury Neighborhood Place (403) 335-8719.

Mon. Apr. 26

For those families who have a member with Alzheimer's or other dementias, the Support Group will meet at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Please phone (403) 335-9848 or Dolina at (403) 335-7285 for more details.

Wed. Apr. 28

This is the day the Community Bus will be going to Calgary on a casino trip leaving the complex at 3:30 p.m. Phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 to reserve your seat.

Sat. May 1

First notice of the Strawberry Tea at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Parish Hall starting at 2 p.m. More about the seniors' garage sale at Eldon Foote Hall next week.



Schools pink up to fight bullying

Community asked to support a very real issue

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The community is being urged to beat back bullying with a show of

pink tomorrow.

The Vision 4 Non-Violence Project Committee in Carstairs and Didsbury has spurred the event locally with hopes of showing solidarity against the issue. Pink shirts have been handed out to over 200 students while others are being encouraged to don pink from their own wardrobes.

"The bottom line is bullying still happens among children and adults. We want to bring forward the message that violence of any kind is not accepted," said Robbin Bowman, director of the Carstairs Community Resource Centre and an organizer of Pink Day.

Bullying has been in the headlines following the death of 15-year-old Phoebe Prince, a Massachusetts teen who killed herself, Jan. 14 after being tormented ruthlessly by her peers.

Reuters reports that Prince was harassed at school, as well as through cellphone texts and Facebook messages. Closer to home, Nanaimo, B.C. student Ashkan Sultani hanged himself Jan. 12 after he endured daily harass-

Trina Lonsberry, who works in schools through Inspiring Change: Peer Supports for Abused Women, says bullying no longer stops at the end of a school day. It happens in the confines of a bedroom or at the

kitchen table, she said.

"It's technology – sexting, texting and social networking sites— that allow bullying to follow children home." she said.

"And this stuff can be worse than what they encounter at school ... because the cellphones and cyberspace give kids a sense of being anonymous or faceless."

Lonsberry teaches high school workshops about domestic violence, cyber bullying and sexting to youth in the region. Recently, students at Olds High School told her about the honesty box application on Facebook – the latest trend in online bullying.

The application allows 'friends' to write messages to the owner of the box anonymously.

"I think people added the application thinking their friends would say neat things about them or a guy would write a secret message ... but what they actually got were really graphic messages like "I hope you commit suicide and here's how you do it," and "I hope you get raped by three people in an alley."

"Girls, who I'd say are popular and well-adjusted tell me the messages really shook them to the core and hurt their self-confidence. After all, it was one of their 300 or so 'friends' on Facebook who wrote it and they have no idea which one," Lonsberry said.

The instructor isn't sure teenagers understand the full impact of bullying and that it could push someone to commit suicide. That's why awareness brought on by events like Pink Shirt Day is important, she said.

Pink Shirt Day grew out of the action of two Nova Scotia high school students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, and their friends, who organized a school protest by wearing pink in sympathy for a Grade 9 student who was being bullied for wearing a pink T-shirt.

PlasmaCar races a March highlight

KATARINA GRAVES

Though spring has officially sprung, erring on the side of caution prevents me from saying that it's here to stay; one simply never knows what the see-saw that is Alberta weather will bring. Nevertheless, the weather has been wonderful and hopefully you've all had good opportunity to enjoy it. Unfortunately, being the short school calendar month that it is, March at DHS brings little to report.

Super Hero Day was the first memorable event on the docket and though there was a lack of Super Heroes strutting the hall, those that were, were entertainment enough. Their creativity (and

tainment enough. Their creativity (and bravery -tight, bright leotards are easy prey for a good joke-) is commendable.

On another note, the leprechaun was back to pay us his annual visit this March and with any luck no one was feeling the pinch this St. Patty's Day. Certainly none of the many green-clad students at DHS were. Despite the many

connotations of St. Patrick's Day it was a relatively quiet

event for DHS and the days passed slowly as students counted down to spring break.

Dragon's Eye

To help the time pass a tad more quickly and give everyone a bit of a laugh, PlasmaCar Races were held during noon hours throughout March. If you are unfamiliar with what a PlasmaCar is, it can be described as a petite, scooter-like plastic "car" that is pushed forward by wiggling the steering wheel back and forth. Requiring no power source, except a knack for wiggling, the PlasmaCar provided the audience and the racers, even those who took a spill, with an enjoyable distraction from the familiar routine.

Finally with the closing of the school month, teachers sent us away for spring break (no doubt in as blissful of spirits as we ourselves were) with plenty of work to keep us occupied. Though it's doubtful whether many will get it done, it's always there lest we get bored of celebrating our hiatus. That's all for now; thanks for reading and here's hoping the lovely weather continues.



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New advisory committee in the works

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Review staff

Twenty-five organizations spanning Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona, have been asked to help fight rural

RCMP Sergeant Jeff Jacobson is looking to jumpstart a Didsbury Enforcement Advisory Committee next Didsbury

month to bring to light crime-related issues and ways to address them.

"We want our community to be as safe as possible and I think we can do that through information sharing," he

Representatives from high schools, towns, youth justice committees, senior groups and search and rescue oper ations were invited last week to attend the first advisory meeting May 17. Jacobson isn't sure what the uptake will be but hopes a representative from each of the 25 groups attend. Town employees have already expressed interest in the initiative.

"This first meeting will be to see how many people are interested in starting something like this up mission statement and talk about what

level of involvement they want to have," Jacobson said.

Peggy Wigton, a member of Didsbury Search and Rescue, hadn't heard of the advisory committee but said it sounds like a great idea.

"This county is massive and it's hard for paid law enforcement to tackle ... or even know all the different issues around here," she said.

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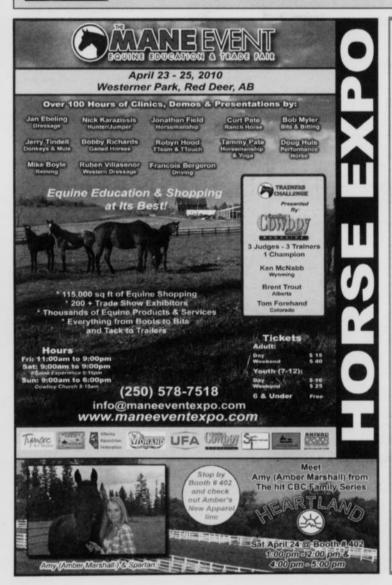
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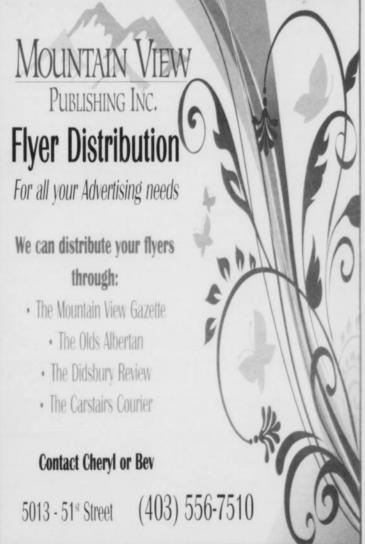
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed, in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

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DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S

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us the last Monday of each month. 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

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DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

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FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm.

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 1, 9 am - 2 pm. Harmattan Community Centre. We are located 2 km south of Highway 27 between Olds and Sundre 13-13-17

WANT TO BE PART OF THE 2010 ARTWALK? Contact Carol at (403) 556-7111 or Dave at (403) 638-5177. 15-18

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Saving the Rosebud

Town researches river preservation

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The town hopes to take on a new role this year as protector of the Rosebud

Brittany Hutton, manager of infrastructure and planning said the town has acquired 1,015 hectares of annexed land, some of which is close to the river, and sees a need to protect the waterway from development.

She's not yet sure what that will mean whether it's to make rules for how neigh-bourhoods are developed or create pathways to separate the natural from man-

"Planning is at its infancy. We are just reviewing the Municipal Development Plan now to identify some opportunities but there's no budget or any kind of time-" Hutton said.

Already she sees lenges in protecting the valley, including getting homeowners and developers on board.

"This needs to be a joint effort for sure ... we need to maintain the integrity of this land. It's not only an important ecosystem but it's part of our community,' she said.

"But protecting it means the cooperation of landowners along the river and develop ers, who may lose profit with the new stip-

Bill Windsor, who owns a portion of

land bordering the Rosebud, is a little skeptical about supporting the project, as of yet. He understands the importance of protecting the environment but said none of it makes sense if runoff contin-ues to trickle into the water from Valarosa or if grey water flushes into the river from the town lagoons. He'd like to those issues resolved.

'Sure, it's fashionable to say you're going to preserve the environment, but maybe clean up your own act first," he

James Edwards, a member of the Rosebud River Watershed Partners and advocate for the valley, said this is the first time he's heard about the Town of Didsbury's plan to do something about the Rosebud. He's been asking for municipal support in conserving the valley for awhile, he said.

'A lot needs to be done. I cleaned up garbage along the river and took out three or four dumpsters of stuff. The Rosebud doesn't just need to be preserved but con-served," Edwards said.

And conserving means cleaning up the river system, planting shrubs along the banks for stabilization and preventing too much ground in the valley from being disturbed during development. The valley shouldn't be left as it stands now, he added.

"I think that they are looking at doing something for the valley is a good first step but there is still a long way to go on this."

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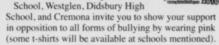
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Thrift store donations ruined by vandals

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JOYCE WATERS

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Review Staff

Volunteers at the Knox United Clothing Thrift Shop are reeling after finding clothing donations soiled and scattered for the third time in two weeks.

"It was just awful ... garbage bags were ripped open and clothes torn and stomped on," said Joyce Waters, a volunteer.

"These are really nice things people have donated and some of it we had to throw away or rip up for rags.

The thrift shop, which allows peo-ple to drop off donations after hours in outdoor bins or on covered shelving units, found its first batch of ruined clothing on March 27. Vandals struck again on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

On Monday, April 4, up to 20 bags were torn open and stomped on into the mud behind the shop.

Someone also tried to pry open the shed, where the thrift shop stores its surplus clothing. It usually ships pieces it doesn't have the space to carry, to the Mustard Seed Street Ministry in Calgary or a sister

thrift shop in northern Alberta. Volunteers at the Knox United Thrift Shop suspect the vandals are youth, since beer bottles are littered around the back alley behind their shop. They are asking them to stop

"Not only are people's donations being wasted ... but we have older vol-unteers who are finding it discouraging to come in and have to clean all of this

up," Waters said. Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said police are volunteer looking into the vandalism, noting that this kind of thing has happened in the alley outside the thrift shop several times before.

"When things are left outside, they become a target. People up to no good see them as not being owned so there's no victim," he said.

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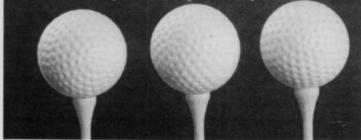
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April squall blows through Central Alberta

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Review staff

late afternoon squall that whipped through Alberta last Thursday caused little damage in Didsbury

The blistering winds knocked out power to about 51,000 homes in Calgary and snow reduced visibility to zero, causing pileups along the QEII near Airdrie and Olds

But in Didsbury it was a different story with no multi-vehicle crashes and lights that barely flickered.

'We didn't see a lot of crashes on our section of the highway ... there were some collisions and a few cars in the ditch. I think the probcomes when it gets to be skating rink out there and people don't slow down."

"But we are seeing line ups of people coming in today to report fender benders," Jacobson said Friday.

The storm, which hit late afternoon on Thursday, deepened in Central Alberta before moving swiftly towards the Saskatchewan border, said Bill McMurtry, an Environment Canada meteorolo gist.

It carried everything from rain showers and gusty winds to snow and thunder flurries - a mix of thunder and lightning in clouds where snow is falling.

"Central Alberta got quite a bit of

weather in a short period of time but not great precipitation. The vas just enough to cover the ground and was not nearly as much as the northeast got," McMurtry said.

Wind gusts were reported at 74 kilometres an hour in Red Deer in the early evening and as strong as 95 kilometres an hour in Calgary and with snow added to the mix, it made for poor visibility. There was a 20-car pileup on the QEII highway just south of Airdrie and a 60-car pileup near the Olds over-

Seventy people involved in the Olds crash were taken to the town's Emergency Operations Centre, which opened up at the Olds College, said Olds RCMP Corp. Troy Byrt.

There were no serious injuries

"It was a busy night with treacherous roads ... actually when the crash happened we were having a shift change so we had limited resources working,

he said.
"We had to recall people for duty, as some doing day shift stayed longer and others working earlier ame back.

Meteorologist Bill McMurtry, said it was typical spring weather for the foothills and more of it is likely on the way. Last week's weather models showed moisture could be arriving in Central Alberta as early as

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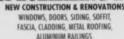
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> Clare Fraser passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of January 19, 2010 at the age of 91 years. Clare is survived by her children Dawn (Robert) King, Dan (Bev) Fear, Joyce Dahroug and Wenn (Myra) Fraser. She is

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